to construct a 41 m high concrete dam at Marora village under Nayar Dam Project. As the Satpuli Motor way is quite high above the maximum reservoir level, there is no danger to the said Motorway.

Misutilised fund for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit

2003. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the expenditure under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme have been either diverted, parked or misutilised in the past many years;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated during the last three years and the land irrigated each year; and

(c) what are the steps Government is taking to directly send the funds for the specific projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) In the Report of the Comptroller & Audit General of India on Union Government for the year ended March, 2003, titled performance appraisal of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), diversion, parking and misutilisation of funds was reported.

(b) The year wise details of Central assistance provided to the States during 2004-05 to 2006-07 and potential creation under AIBP during the corresponding period are given in the following Table:

(*Amount in Rs. crore and Irrigation potential in lakh Hectare*)

Sl. No.	Year	Central Assistance Provided during the year under AIBP (Loan/Grant)	Irrigation potential created under AIBP
1.	2004-05	2867.3372	4.96
2.	2005-06	1900.3142	6.00
3.	2006-07	2301.9722	9.32
	TOTAL	7069.6236	20.28

(c) Under AIBP, Central Government provides project-wise allocation of grants to the States. Ministry of Water Resources/Central Water Commission field units are consistently monitoring the physical and financial progress of the projects under AIBP.

Plan for interlinking of rivers

†2004. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for interlinking the rivers of the country in the next Five Year Plan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.